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## WAR TIMES

### LULAITE CLOSING HIS ARTICLES THIS WEEK.

(Continued From Last Week.)

much to our gratification surprise General Hood was and General Joe Johnson ordered and accepted the as commander in chief of part of the western army. After taking command of the troops to be placed and once more reviewed worn and weather beaten Here new life, new hope, energy and new patriotism up in the hearts of each which was plainly made manifest the cry which could be "Three cheers for General we'll get more whiskey acco now, boys."

report was now circulated camps that it was General's intention to join General or near Richmond, Va. a few days we moved on in section. When we reached ro, N. C. we called a halt short time; here a very circumstance occurred. ee soldier, W. F. Ellison e, who claimed he belonged th New Jersey regiment, yankee uniform with gun ridge box, surrendered to most marshal. His report the effect that he was due th no ill will; that it had armed him in the least and e determined to not fight it, and demanded a parole. Strange part of the circum- was he passed through their icket line on through our d was not detected until he dered himself to the provost d in broad day light.

was placed in my care for keeping; as I was now re- ble for the prisoner I ate him, slept with him and ed with him, not allowing o get out of my sight for a nt. He took notice of this e day remarked to me, "My you need not give yourself cle of uneasiness about me. ot going to leave here until leave honorable." In a few e received orders to report o headquarters where he ed his parole and departed home.

I was now relieved of the ability of guarding a er of war, I resumed my r position as a member of on provost guard. One g we struck camp near nville, N. C. After supper essage, Peter Huston, re- d to me that he was going k up to where our regiment mped and see how the boys getting along. I spread my et and retired for the night. I was sound asleep. I had enjoyed my nap long when woke me saying, "Get up! o and go with me up to our any; the boys have some to drink up there." Of I accompanied him. When rived there we found they y some means discovered and cated two barrels of fine old brandy, that an old lady had under her house in a cellar. rolled the barrels some ce down the hill, knocked heads and carried off all the dy's Christmas drams in can-

teens. There was not an empty canteen in the Florida brigade. One soldier I noticed made up a batch of dough with brandy mistaking it for water. Strange to say I did not see a drunk man in the whole brigade; and to add to their spoils they had brought in eight or ten fine hens and had them stacked up between two stumps. Such are the evils of war. The next morning our troops were ordered into lines and moved forward to meet a portion of Sherman's army that was advancing on us. Here once more we met the enemy, face to face, in open combat. The engagement was short but hot what time it lasted. When Sherman's men learned they were confronting Joe Johnson instead of Hood they fell back in disorder leaving General Johnson and his army in possession of the battlefield.

After leaving our dead and placing our wounded in comfortable quarters we resumed our march. A report was now in circulation that General Lee had surrendered; although it was a mere rumor it caused considerable confusion throughout our army. Small groups of soldiers could be seen silently discussing the question some disputing it while others believed the report to be true.

One evening we struck camp near Greensboro, N. C. with strict orders to be ready to march at sunrise next morning. When the hour arrived we saw no preparations to move. Expecting every moment to receive marching orders we remained here several days. We could plainly see there was a move on foot that we could not understand, groups of field officers holding secret sessions, which kept us under heavy suspense. Finally one night about seventy-five of our regiment marched up to division headquarters and called on General Smith who was then in command of our division, for a speech. He treated us very politely and addressed us, "Fellow soldiers, I learn there is a rumor in camps that General Johnson is going to surrender his army. Don't you believe a word of that, General Johnson is too brave a man to submit to a surrender. He would draw his sword and cut his way out if it was knee deep in blood. Go back to your camps assured that the rumor is false." This report did not exactly suit us. We marched on a short distance to General Cheatham's headquarters, commanding Second corps, and called for a speech. The speech from General Cheatham was heard from all parts of our line. The General politely stepped to the door of his tent and remarked to us, "Gentlemen you have called on me for a speech. I never made a speech in my life. I can tell you all I know. I guess you will all be on your way home pretty soon. They," referring to Generals Johnson and Sherman, "have come to terms of peace. What these terms are I cannot tell. I suppose reconstruction, reconciliation, go back into the Union pretty damn badly whipped." It was evidently true that General Lee had surrendered several days previous to this and General Sheridan with 30,000 U. S. cavalry had crept around in our rear consequently General Johnson was forced to surrender to an overwhelming number and not as

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## OUR NEIGHBORS

### INTERESTING NEWS OF NEARBY COMMUNITIES.

#### Gardner Items.

Mrs. Dan Worth is very poorly yet.

We are having very warm and showery weather.

Truck farming is progressing very slowly on account of the rain.

The turpentine still of Royal & Phillips will be in operation soon.

The work on the church has stopped for a few days on account of lumber.

Contractor Wardell, of Terra Ceia has the church also Royal's residence.

Quite a number of Gardnerites will leave Sunday for Tampa to attend court.

Doctor Moore contemplates building several cottages on his property for rent.

School is progressing o. k. Miss Lula Merrett is assistant, Professor Parker principal.

R. N. Durrance, agent for the A. C. L. at this place, took a few days off for rest but has returned to his post of duty.

Mr. Royal, of the firm of Royal & Phillips is going to build a fine residence. The lumber is being put on the site this week.

The firm of Fussell & Roberts is taking stock this week. They have Arch Hampton and the noted J. B. Sellers employed to do the work for them.

D. L. Coker, Gardner's postmaster, left for Tiger Bay to spend a few days, from there he will go to Tampa to attend Federal Court. V. O. Fussell has charge of the office during his absence.

Doc.

#### Bowling Green

Mrs. C. H. Jones is sick at her home.

Hosea Albritton has moved into his new store.

Guy Harward, of Arcadia, was here Sunday.

Frank Waldron, of Arcadia, was in town Saturday.

Professor Price will return to his home at Wauchula.

Not built in a day—Jones Bros. new concrete store and hotel.

Bowling Green is enlarging her borders and strengthening her stakes.

The new livery stable of J. T. Croom opened up for business the first inst.

Roy B. Child, the affable business manager of THE CHAMPION, was a visitor in town Sunday.

The store just vacated by Mr. Albritton will be occupied by Walter Giles and J. B. Williams.

Mrs. Dr. Woods, of Clearwater, has been down to have an elegant monument erected at her husbands grave.

Miss Grace Stephens, who has been first assistant teacher, left Wednesday for her home at Charlotte Harbor.

Miss Rilla Jones, of Jacksonville, who has been spending a few days with her father, Cyrus Jones, has returned to her city home.

Virgil, the second son of R. H. Peebles, died very suddenly of heart failure last Friday at his

home. The interment took place at the New Hope cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Browning are spending the week on the west coast, stopping at Tampa, St. Petersburg, Clearwater and Largo.

J. B. Williams, of Fair Bluff, N. C., who has been in Bowling Green several weeks and will engage in business with Walter Giles, has charge of the post office during Mr. Brownings absence.

'Tis the school children who are saying:

"The bell is dumb, the lesson learned; The key upon the school room turned, And now our voices in joy we'll raise And shout, Hurrah for vacation days!"

SEMPER IDEM.

#### Circuit Court.

Circuit Court convened in Arcadia Tuesday, Judge Wall present and presiding, and States Attorney H. S. Phillips at his post.

Following is the grand jury for the present term: G. H. Gill, foreman, J. H. Langford, Peden Barnhill, W. S. Worley, R. J. Whidden, Ed Carney, Daniel Coker, J. E. Duncan, W. H. Rawls, O. M. Revels, M. W. Coker, Wm. Timmerman, Thad S. Carlton, C. H. Chadwick, C. W. Pearce, O. R. Thatcher, C. V. Goolsby and W. E. McEwen.

The Petit Jury for the first week is: G. M. Collier, A. E. Parker, F. E. Platt, E. R. Shackleford, F. B. McClelland, W. B. Connor, W. J. Hendry, S. E. Durrance, J. P. Hendry, T. D. Carlton, A. P. Hollingsworth, D. E. Fielder, P. B. Weaver, A. W. Pearce, J. F. Kinsey, H. E. Knowles, Max Wild, D. S. Williams.

The grand jury will probably get through with all business before it Friday, but the court will be at work here till some time next week.

Following is a list of the cases disposed of to date:

State vs McGinty Hill, assault with intent to murder, plead not guilty

State vs Staten Johnson, Anderson Jones, murder, plead not guilty

Robt. E. Whidden vs W. T. Altman, assumpsit, tried by jury and found for plaintiff, \$238.40

Edgar J. Register vs R. E. Watkins, O. B. Bearce, assumpsit, tried by jury and found for plaintiff, \$436.79

E. A. Pooser and Forrester & Burton vs Julia M. Farabee, R. L. Cowart, assumpsit, tried by jury and found for plaintiff, \$195

State vs John Bursch, alias Kine, grand larceny, was turned over to Deputy U. S. Marshal E. A. Bennett who took him to Tampa for trial before U. S. Court

State vs Henry Williams, grand larceny, plead guilty

State vs Arthur Pitt, assault with intent to murder, plead not guilty.

Burel Farnel vs Frank A. Smith, assumpsit, should have been tried in justice court

State vs Will Graham, selling liquor, nolle prossed

Peace River Phosphate Co. vs J. J. Singleton, assumpsit, damages, \$1500, now being tried.

District Court, County Commissioners and County School Board are in session at the same time this week and we haven't sheriffs enough to go round!

Just Watch Arcadia Grow! The brightest prospects are ours.

## THE NEW RAILROAD

### DR. C. H. SMITH TELLS TAMPA TIMES ABOUT IT.

Dr. C. H. Smith went over to Tampa last week and while there was interviewed by a representative of the Daily Times in reference to the electric railway between Tampa and the east coast now projected by S. G. Bon Durant and associates. The Times in speaking of the scheme says:

"Doctor Smith's interest in the movement lies in the fact that he and a number of associates, through an option, hold in their hands the key to great motive power that is in all probability not equalled in the southern states, and excelled in few instances in the world. Among Doctor Smith's associates in this matter are Col. S. I. Wailes, well known throughout the state for his fight before the recent legislative session for the celebrated "Wailes claim," and Walter Graham, the well known real estate man of Arcadia, who recently embarked extensively into the real estate business. This property, in view of the natural conditions mentioned, is undoubtedly of greater value than any other property in Florida. It is located in DeSoto county, about 25 miles east of Arcadia.

"On this property," said Doctor Smith to the Times representative, "is a chain of lakes which furnish motive power sufficient to operate a line of railway from 1,000 to 2,000 miles in length, and also to furnish lights for an immense area of territory without difficulty. This power is explained by a description of natural conditions, as follows:

"The first lake responsible for the power mentioned is Lake Childs, which is rectangular in shape, five miles long and from three to four miles wide. This lake is connected with Lake Stearns, on the north, by a subterranean passage, through which water pours with immense velocity and volume. Lake Stearns is, in turn, connected with Lake Jack on the northeast, with a bold creek, the waters of which run rapidly, and Lake Jack is also connected with Lake Istopoga, many times the largest of the chain, by another creek of the same character. The fall from one lake to another in one instance is from 50 to 65 feet, and in another from 25 to 30 feet. In addition to these remarkable facts the lakes never change their depth and the power, owing to the flow and topographical situation, is perpetual. As a result there can be secured at all times for the operation of an electric or other plant from 10,000 to 25,000 horse power. This is a revelation to those who have known nothing of the wonderful situation. The generation of electric power for the operation of plants, according to the estimate of authorities, without the assistance of natural conditions, generally amounts to 40 per cent of earnings. Under the conditions described the cost would be only about 15 per cent, a decrease of 25 per cent, which would mean the annual saving of an immense sum in the operation of the railway."

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